

Appendix II: Information on Significant Human-Caused Wildland Fires in the Arizona Border Region, 2006 through 2010

Table 3 shows size, duration, and suppression cost data for all significant human-caused wildland fires in the Arizona border region from 2006 through 2010.

Table 3: Acres Burned, Duration, and Suppression Costs for Significant Human-Caused Wildland Fires in the Arizona Border Region, 2006 through 2010

| Year | Fire name | Land management agency | Acres burned | Duration (in days) | Suppression costs |
|------|---------------|------------------------|--------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| 2006 | 103 | Forest Service | 1,634 | 25 | \$2,506,792 |
| 2006 | 4E Levy | State of Arizona | 63 | 2 | 33,516 |
| 2006 | Antone | BIA | 15 | 8 | 145 |
| 2006 | Big Horn | State of Arizona | 30 | 1 | 691 |
| 2006 | Birch | State of Arizona | 12 | 1 | 1,918 |
| 2006 | Black Mesa | Forest Service | 171 | 21 | 237,268 |
| 2006 | Burro | Forest Service | 370 | 27 | 1,358,207 |
| 2006 | CA Runner | BIA | 576 | 5 | 22,060 |
| 2006 | Chimney | Forest Service | 110 | 17 | 89,843 |
| 2006 | Chuckles | State of Arizona | 48 | 1 | 1,420 |
| 2006 | Cienegas | State of Arizona | 197 | 1 | 18,716 |
| 2006 | City | FWS | 21 | 2 | 262 |
| 2006 | Clark | Forest Service | 10 | 18 | 17,877 |
| 2006 | Confluence | BLM | 37 | 3 | 16,008 |
| 2006 | Curly Horse | BLM | 1,565 | 2 | 20,148 |
| 2006 | Early Morning | State of Arizona | 50 | 2 | 34,947 |
| 2006 | Eldon | State of Arizona | 10 | 1 | 2,068 |
| 2006 | Eloy | State of Arizona | 20 | 1 | 803 |
| 2006 | Fatman | BIA | 10 | 8 | 6,899 |
| 2006 | Fellows | BLM | 22 | 1 | 726 |
| 2006 | Friendly | State of Arizona | 30 | 1 | 493 |
| 2006 | Guijas 1 | FWS | 10 | 1 | 3,986 |
| 2006 | Harque | State of Arizona | 80 | 1 | 6,402 |
| 2006 | Hidden | BLM | 20 | 1 | 318 |
| 2006 | Hope | FWS | 431 | 5 | 71,656 |
| 2006 | I-10 MM75 | State of Arizona | 18 | 1 | 1,412 |
| 2006 | ID | State of Arizona | 20 | 1 | 353 |
| 2006 | Levy | State of Arizona | 150 | 2 | 12,672 |
| 2006 | Lime | State of Arizona | 12 | 1 | 1,869 |
| 2006 | Lobo | Forest Service | 26 | 31 | 78,485 |
| 2006 | Marshall | BLM | 14 | 5 | 13,807 |

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|-------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| 2006 | McNeal | State of Arizona | 11 | 1 | 2,853 |
| 2006 | Mesa | BIA | 26 | 11 | 2,871 |
| 2006 | Migrant | FWS | 30 | 1 | 10,972 |
| 2006 | Milligan | State of Arizona | 15 | 1 | 822 |
| 2006 | MM 4 | BIA | 15 | 7 | 12,149 |
| 2006 | Monitor | DOD | 10 | ^a | ^b |
| 2006 | Montezuma 1 | Forest Service | 4,191 | 8 | 284,294 |
| 2006 | Mustang | State of Arizona | 10 | 1 | 2,301 |
| 2006 | NA | DOD | 20 | 1 | ^b |
| 2006 | Oatman | BLM | 593 | 2 | 27,464 |
| 2006 | Painted | State of Arizona | 200 | 1 | 5,463 |
| 2006 | Pit Field | State of Arizona | 60 | ^a | 565 |
| 2006 | Playa | State of Arizona | 26 | 1 | 9,856 |
| 2006 | Rainbow Ranch | State of Arizona | 60 | 1 | 1,145 |
| 2006 | Ralston | State of Arizona | 20 | 1 | 272 |
| 2006 | Run Away | BLM | 113 | 2 | 63,124 |
| 2006 | Saddle | BLM | 1,200 | 3 | 88,158 |
| 2006 | Shadow | BLM | 41 | 5 | 14,617 |
| 2006 | Sixty Niner | State of Arizona | 227 | 0 | 4,029 |
| 2006 | Sunizona | State of Arizona | 10 | 1 | 893 |
| 2006 | Tacna Mohawk | BLM | 143 | 3 | 6,259 |
| 2006 | Theba II | BLM | 38 | 2 | 30,690 |
| 2006 | Thornton | State of Arizona | 25 | 1 | 211 |
| 2006 | Tower 62 | DOD | 10 to 20 | ^a | ^b |
| 2006 | Tweedy | State of Arizona | 50 | 1 | 204 |
| 2006 | West | BIA | 26 | 10 | 1,273 |
| 2006 | Williamson Valley FD | State of Arizona | 40 | ^a | 160 |
| 2006 | Windy | BLM | 128 | 9 | 7,246 |
| 2006 | Yellow South | State of Arizona | 10 | ^a | 1,293 |
| 2007 | Altar | State of Arizona | 30 | 1 | 2,666 |
| 2007 | Austin | State of Arizona | 240 | 1 | 1,526 |
| 2007 | Brainard # 2 | DOD | 27 | ^a | ^b |
| 2007 | Buckeye | BLM | 68 | 7 | 221,815 |
| 2007 | Buena | FWS | 1,151 | 4 | 132,409 |
| 2007 | Christmas | DOD | 500 | ^a | ^b |
| 2007 | Chui-Chu # 2 | BIA | 40 | 1 | 1,252 |
| 2007 | Cobre 2 | Forest Service | 160 | 9 | 159,179 |

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|-------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| 2007 | Copper | Forest Service | 87 | 7 | 76,475 |
| 2007 | Cottonwood | BLM | 14 | 44 | 95,162 |
| 2007 | County 9 | BLM | 17 | 7 | 20,790 |
| 2007 | County 9th | State of Arizona | 10 | 2 | 33,800 |
| 2007 | Cowlic | BIA | 37 | 3 | 15,005 |
| 2007 | Easter Fire | BIA | 100 | 2 | 0 |
| 2007 | Elgin | State of Arizona | 600 | 1 | 19,799 |
| 2007 | Fields | State of Arizona | 15 | 1 | 681 |
| 2007 | Fresno | Forest Service | 321 | 16 | 0 |
| 2007 | Highway 92 Complex | Forest Service | 46 | 7 | 76,104 |
| 2007 | Honnus | FWS | 162 | 2 | 14,498 |
| 2007 | HWY 92 | DOD | 30 | ^a | ^b |
| 2007 | Kino | Forest Service | 100 | 5 | 13,669 |
| 2007 | Kitt Peak | BIA | 12 | 2 | 11,747 |
| 2007 | Lucky 3 | State of Arizona | 100 | 1 | 41,452 |
| 2007 | Marble | State of Arizona | 75 | 1 | 1,570 |
| 2007 | Maverick | DOD | 475 | ^a | ^b |
| 2007 | Norton | BLM | 66 | 4 | 94,976 |
| 2007 | Orange | State of Arizona | 50 | 3 | 26,139 |
| 2007 | Parks | Forest Service | 120 | 8 | 21,751 |
| 2007 | Parks Two | Forest Service | 30 | 8 | 0 |
| 2007 | Power Line | State of Arizona | 30 | 1 | 0 |
| 2007 | Railroad 2 | State of Arizona | 225 | 2 | 9,029 |
| 2007 | Range 8 | DOD | 46 | ^a | ^b |
| 2007 | Range 9 #2 | DOD | 300 | ^a | ^b |
| 2007 | Route 20 | BIA | 109 | 1 | 0 |
| 2007 | RP | Forest Service | 12 | 11 | 438 |
| 2007 | San Antonio | Forest Service | 1,543 | 12 | 264,989 |
| 2007 | San Luis | BLM | 69 | 53 | 19,241 |
| 2007 | San Rafael | State of Arizona | 753 | 3 | 37,460 |
| 2007 | Santa Margarita | FWS | 41 | 3 | 3,352 |
| 2007 | Sasco | State of Arizona | 40 | 1 | 1,061 |
| 2007 | Stronghold | State of Arizona | 10 | ^a | 3,346 |
| 2007 | Sulphur | Forest Service | 10 | 9 | 2,993 |
| 2007 | Sunland | State of Arizona | 18 | 2 | 758 |
| 2007 | Sutherland | Forest Service | 27 | 7 | 3,576 |
| 2007 | Walnut Gap | State of Arizona | 10 | 1 | 3,176 |

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|-------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| 2007 | Yaqui | Forest Service | 161 | 9 | 186,179 |
| 2008 | 103 | Forest Service | 378 | 7 | 28,038 |
| 2008 | 104 | Forest Service | 350 | 8 | 41,594 |
| 2008 | 7th AVE | BIA | 30 | 7 | 52,542 |
| 2008 | Alamo | Forest Service | 5,070 | 20 | 1,730,669 |
| 2008 | Apache | Forest Service | 10 | 5 | ^c |
| 2008 | Area West | Forest Service | 125 | 7 | 7,967 |
| 2008 | Back Pack | State of Arizona | 20 | 2 | 13,829 |
| 2008 | Backyard | State of Arizona | 19 | ^a | 471 |
| 2008 | B-Box | State of Arizona | 24 | 1 | 7,345 |
| 2008 | Bear 2 | Forest Service | 280 | 8 | 4,669 |
| 2008 | Beehive | Forest Service | 325 | 22 | 1,114,018 |
| 2008 | Bell | State of Arizona | 40 | 1 | 1,556 |
| 2008 | Buck | Forest Service | 2,021 | 9 | 181,893 |
| 2008 | Cantina | Forest Service | 35 | 6 | 30,902 |
| 2008 | Castle Rock | Forest Service | 40 | 4 | 9,720 |
| 2008 | Cemetery | BIA | 160 | 1 | 0 |
| 2008 | Coronado | NPS | 80 | 3 | 105,516 |
| 2008 | Cowlic | BIA | 15 | 1 | 0 |
| 2008 | Dome | BLM | 220 | 24 | 195,560 |
| 2008 | Drain Fire | BIA | 33 | 7 | 2,519 |
| 2008 | Early Morning | State of Arizona | 20 | 1 | 987 |
| 2008 | Encinas Tank | Forest Service | 25 | 8 | 28,436 |
| 2008 | Escapule Trail | BLM | 12 | 2 | 5,179 |
| 2008 | Fisher | BLM | 69 | 1 | 5,080 |
| 2008 | Frye Mesa | Forest Service | 3,094 | 17 | 1,469,967 |
| 2008 | High Gates | FWS | 90 | 1 | 12,812 |
| 2008 | High Lonesome | Forest Service | 317 | 9 | 16,518 |
| 2008 | Kansas Settlement | State of Arizona | 750 | 2 | 17,192 |
| 2008 | Levee Road | BLM | 57 | 6 | 107,943 |
| 2008 | Lochiel | State of Arizona | 88 | 1 | 8,416 |
| 2008 | Lonesome | State of Arizona | 125 | ^a | 38,943 |
| 2008 | Meadow | Forest Service | 3,876 | 17 | 41,402 |
| 2008 | Milepost 6 | Forest Service | 13 | 7 | 30,340 |
| 2008 | Mission | NPS | 110 | 6 | 79,472 |
| 2008 | Mohawk | BLM | 69 | 19 | 64,638 |
| 2008 | Moon Canyon | BLM | 750 | 4 | 245,692 |

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|-------------|------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| 2008 | Omega | FWS | 27 | 2 | 2,557 |
| 2008 | Pomerene | State of Arizona | 20 | 1 | 5,904 |
| 2008 | Pozo | FWS | 65 | 3 | 14,630 |
| 2008 | Pozo 2 | FWS | 53 | 3 | 0 |
| 2008 | Pozo 3 | FWS | 66 | 3 | 0 |
| 2008 | Pozo 4 | FWS | 75 | 3 | 0 |
| 2008 | San Antonio | Forest Service | 24 | 5 | 3,407 |
| 2008 | Silva | BIA | 22 | 6 | 19,928 |
| 2008 | Solano | BIA | 2,575 | 12 | 1,777,243 |
| 2008 | Sunny | State of Arizona | 10 | 1 | 1,037 |
| 2008 | Tomb | State of Arizona | 378 | 2 | 8,941 |
| 2008 | Trigo | FWS | 35 | 17 | 29,891 |
| 2008 | Tubac | State of Arizona | 15 | 4 | 4,928 |
| 2008 | Valentine | BLM | 99 | 8 | 43,592 |
| 2008 | Ventana | Forest Service | 20 | 11 | 48,842 |
| 2008 | Warsaw | Forest Service | 15 | 14 | 29,941 |
| 2008 | Whitewater | State of Arizona | 15 | 1 | 4,743 |
| 2008 | York | State of Arizona | 30 | 1 | 2,384 |
| 2009 | 103 | Forest Service | 314 | 9 | 13,236 |
| 2009 | 222 | Forest Service | 105 | 4 | 57,226 |
| 2009 | A-Bar | Forest Service | 16 | 14 | 90,340 |
| 2009 | Apache | NPS | 54 | 2 | 1,378 |
| 2009 | ATV | BIA | 398 | 10 | 155,987 |
| 2009 | Aztec | BLM | 470 | 7 | 340,506 |
| 2009 | Bear | Forest Service | 15 | 5 | 324,893 |
| 2009 | Bright | BLM | 75 | 3 | 19,065 |
| 2009 | Buckeye | BLM | 289 | 4 | 354,010 |
| 2009 | Canelo | Forest Service | 4,208 | 16 | 1,847,475 |
| 2009 | Canoa | State of Arizona | 70 | 2 | 2,130 |
| 2009 | Cisco | State of Arizona | 160 | ^a | 10,342 |
| 2009 | Dee Road | State of Arizona | 17 | 1 | 1,450 |
| 2009 | Diamondback | State of Arizona | 48 | 3 | 44,367 |
| 2009 | Dome Valley | State of Arizona | 84 | 3 | 52,002 |
| 2009 | Dry Canyon | Forest Service | 17 | 4 | 2,575 |
| 2009 | Eagle Lake | Forest Service | 105 | ^a | 56,229 |
| 2009 | Ehrenberg | BLM | 60 | 3 | 109,438 |
| 2009 | Elgin | BLM | 379 | 4 | 288,694 |

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| Year | Fire name | Land management agency | Acres burned | Duration (in days) | Suppression costs |
|-------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| 2009 | Elk Horn | BLM | 23,668 | 11 | 443,517 |
| 2009 | FA Bell Ranch Road | State of Arizona | 60 | ^a | 0 |
| 2009 | Ferosa | Forest Service | 12 | 4 | 23,320 |
| 2009 | Fish | Forest Service | 1,050 | 12 | 157,687 |
| 2009 | Fort Bowie | State of Arizona | 16 | 1 | 2,717 |
| 2009 | Fresnal Fire | BIA | 247 | 6 | 419,453 |
| 2009 | Gate 7 | Forest Service | 15 | 18 | 63,792 |
| 2009 | Gleeson | State of Arizona | 782 | 3 | 144,244 |
| 2009 | Gleeson Road | State of Arizona | 23 | 2 | 1,646 |
| 2009 | Guijas | FWS | 12 | 2 | 1,197 |
| 2009 | Hay Flat | State of Arizona | 35 | 1 | 5,516 |
| 2009 | Hog | Forest Service | 16,802 | 21 | 725,994 |
| 2009 | Irwin | Forest Service | 22 | 2 | 2,517 |
| 2009 | Island | FWS | 102 | 11 | 293,274 |
| 2009 | Kudu | BIA | 76 | 5 | 33,521 |
| 2009 | Lesna Peak | Forest Service | 756 | 14 | 47,142 |
| 2009 | Little Alamo | Forest Service | 851 | 8 | 69,940 |
| 2009 | Lochiel | Forest Service | 2,660 | 14 | 404,504 |
| 2009 | Montana | Forest Service | 2,455 | 38 | 333,691 |
| 2009 | Muchacho | BIA | 23 | 4 | 41,847 |
| 2009 | Mule Pass | BLM | 122 | 4 | 716,162 |
| 2009 | Museum | State of Arizona | 29 | 4 | 45,599 |
| 2009 | Nugget | Forest Service | 42 | 22 | 228,602 |
| 2009 | O'Leary | State of Arizona | 11 | 1 | 0 |
| 2009 | Pete's Kitchen | State of Arizona | 152 | 2 | 30,876 |
| 2009 | Pothole | Forest Service | 25 | 10 | 26,266 |
| 2009 | Power | BLM | 260 | 9 | 122,980 |
| 2009 | Quail | State of Arizona | 37 | 3 | 48,870 |
| 2009 | Rest Area Fire | BIA | 386 | 3 | 256 |
| 2009 | Robbins Butte | BLM | 32 | 5 | 50,683 |
| 2009 | Route 35 | BIA | 27 | 2 | 4,443 |
| 2009 | Ruby | Forest Service | 130 | ^a | 116,386 |
| 2009 | San Jose de Sonoita | State of Arizona | 19 | 1 | 3,144 |
| 2009 | San Juan | BIA | 9,200 | 8 | 178,157 |
| 2009 | School 2 | Forest Service | 24 | 4 | 5,032 |
| 2009 | School Canyon | Forest Service | 50 | 21 | 13,096 |
| 2009 | Three Peaks | BLM | 5,735 | 12 | 207,841 |

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| Year | Fire name | Land management agency | Acres burned | Duration (in days) | Suppression costs |
|------|---------------|------------------------|--------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| 2009 | Trestle | BLM | 16 | 2 | 13,344 |
| 2009 | Turkey | State of Arizona | 129 | 3 | 20,243 |
| 2009 | Turtleback | BLM | 160 | 36 | 36,241 |
| 2009 | Van Ness | State of Arizona | 36 | 1 | 15,932 |
| 2009 | Washington | Forest Service | 84 | 6 | 72,955 |
| 2009 | Whitewater | State of Arizona | 23 | 1 | 8,825 |
| 2009 | Willow | BLM | 10 | 8 | 28,442 |
| 2009 | Yellow Jacket | Forest Service | 27 | 8 | 12,244 |
| 2010 | 133 | BIA | 57 | 2 | 9,338 |
| 2010 | 99 Bar | FWS | 18 | 4 | 27,382 |
| 2010 | Chino | Forest Service | 21 | 5 | 19,345 |
| 2010 | Fisher Hill | State of Arizona | 52 | 2 | 1,164 |
| 2010 | Five | Forest Service | 73 | 6 | 14,734 |
| 2010 | Fort Fire | Forest Service | 50 | 11 | 193,779 |
| 2010 | Fraguita | Forest Service | 1,914 | 10 | 260,980 |
| 2010 | Horseshoe | Forest Service | 3,401 | 55 | 10,185,914 |
| 2010 | Hunter | Forest Service | 33 | 20 | 206,145 |
| 2010 | Indian School | BIA | 17 | 17 | 16,401 |
| 2010 | Jarillas | Forest Service | 20 | 8 | 39,031 |
| 2010 | Kudu Ranch | BIA | 10 | 4 | 41,754 |
| 2010 | Lone Mountain | Forest Service | 486 | 10 | 61,442 |
| 2010 | New Year | Forest Service | 38 | 15 | 17,859 |
| 2010 | Southfork | Forest Service | 103 | 28 | 531,173 |
| 2010 | Talley | BIA | 136 | 22 | 27,006 |
| 2010 | Yellow Jacket | Forest Service | 25 | 12 | \$86,515 |

Source: GAO analysis of Forest Service, Interior, Arizona Forestry Division, and DOD data.

Notes: Duration was identified by determining the days elapsed between when a fire was reported "discovered" and when it was declared either "controlled" or "out," depending on what information agencies report in their fire occurrence data.

^aData provided by federal and state agencies did not include enough information for us to determine duration.

^bThe Department of Defense did not provide us with information on suppression costs associated with each fire.

^cThe Forest Service did not provide us with information on suppression costs associated with the 2008 Apache Fire.

Appendix III: Additional Information on Wildland Fires That Federal Agencies Suspect Were Ignited by Illegal Border Crossers

Table 4 provides information on those wildland fires in which officials documented through formal fire investigations that illegal border crossers are a suspected cause for the wildland fire.

Table 4: Wildland Fires That Burned One or More Acres for Which Formal Fire Investigations Identified Illegal Border Crossers as a Suspected Cause

| Year | Fire name | Land management agency |
|------|-----------------|------------------------|
| 2006 | Black Mesa | Forest Service |
| 2006 | Chimney | Forest Service |
| 2006 | Christen | Forest Service |
| 2007 | Bates Well | NPS |
| 2007 | Cobre 2 | Forest Service |
| 2007 | Javelina | Forest Service |
| 2007 | Parks | Forest Service |
| 2007 | Santa Margarita | FWS |
| 2008 | High Gates | FWS |
| 2008 | Omega | FWS |
| 2008 | Pesquiera | Forest Service |
| 2008 | Pozo | FWS |
| 2008 | Pozo 2 | FWS |
| 2008 | Pozo 3 | FWS |
| 2008 | Pozo 4 | FWS |
| 2008 | Warsaw | Forest Service |
| 2009 | A-Bar | Forest Service |
| 2009 | Bear | Forest Service |
| 2009 | Canelo | Forest Service |
| 2009 | Ferosa | Forest Service |
| 2009 | Hog | Forest Service |
| 2009 | Potrero | Forest Service |
| 2009 | School Canyon | Forest Service |
| 2009 | School 2 | Forest Service |
| 2009 | Washington | Forest Service |
| 2010 | Fort Fire | Forest Service |
| 2010 | Horseshoe | Forest Service |
| 2010 | Lone Mountain | Forest Service |
| 2010 | Southfork | Forest Service |
| 2010 | Yellow Jacket | Forest Service |

Source: GAO analysis of Forest Service and Interior data.

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Wildland Fires That Federal Agencies Suspect
Were Ignited by Illegal Border Crossers**

In addition to the formal investigations into ignition sources, fire incident reports—documentation completed by fire responders on the size, location, and general cause of each fire—sometimes contain fire responders' views on the cause of the wildland fire. Fire incident reports we reviewed noted illegal border crossers as a suspected cause for 57 wildland fires in the region. However, the purpose of these reports is to document general wildland fire occurrence data and the reports are not indicative of a formal investigation into the fire's origin (see fig. 5 for location of wildland fires). Table 5 provides information on wildland fires in which officials documented through fire incident reports that illegal border crossers are a suspected cause for the wildland fire.

Table 5: Wildland Fires for Which Fire Incident Reports Indicate Illegal Border Crossers as a Suspected Cause

| Year | Fire name | Land management agency |
|-------------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| 2006 | 103 | Forest Service |
| 2006 | B.P. camp fire | BIA |
| 2006 | Backpack | BIA |
| 2006 | Cerrito | BLM |
| 2006 | Creek Bed 62 | NPS |
| 2006 | E. Monument | NPS |
| 2006 | Gujias 1 | FWS |
| 2006 | K-5 | BIA |
| 2006 | MP75.1 | BIA |
| 2006 | Pisinemo | BIA |
| 2006 | SR Ranch | BIA |
| 2006 | Twig Fire | BIA |
| 2007 | 86 Fire | BIA |
| 2007 | Bates Well | NPS |
| 2007 | Bates Well #2 | NPS |
| 2007 | Bates Well #3 | NPS |
| 2007 | Buena | FWS |
| 2007 | Sutherland | Forest Service |
| 2007 | UDA | BIA |
| 2008 | Alfonzo | BIA |
| 2008 | Barry Goldwater | BLM |
| 2008 | Bear Canyon | Forest Service |
| 2008 | BP | BLM |
| 2008 | Cowlic | BIA |

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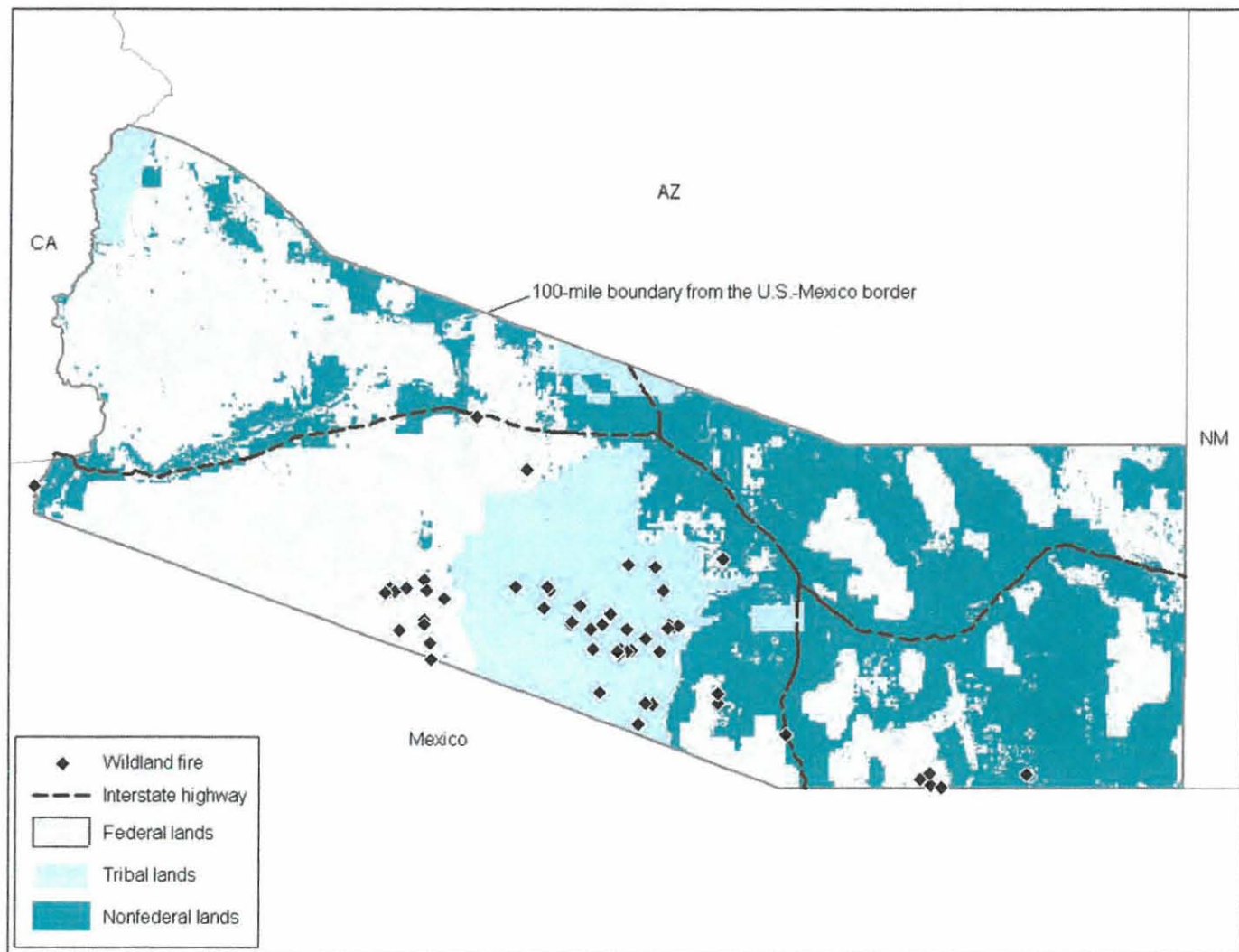
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|-------------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| 2008 | Dirty Wash Fire | NPS |
| 2008 | Fence | BIA |
| 2008 | First Time | BIA |
| 2008 | Mission | NPS |
| 2008 | PW | BIA |
| 2008 | Wattle | NPS |
| 2009 | Artesia Fire | BIA |
| 2009 | Bates Well | BLM |
| 2009 | Bay Fire | BIA |
| 2009 | Border Patrol 2 | BIA |
| 2009 | Camp Fire | BIA |
| 2009 | Cocopah | BIA |
| 2009 | Coldfields | BIA |
| 2009 | Como Fire | BIA |
| 2009 | Dripping Springs | NPS |
| 2009 | First 90 | NPS |
| 2009 | Iron Stand | BIA |
| 2009 | Mike Fire | BIA |
| 2009 | Milepost 137.5 | BIA |
| 2009 | Nolic | BIA |
| 2009 | Post #7 | BIA |
| 2009 | Route 35 | BIA |
| 2009 | San Juan | BIA |
| 2009 | Vamori Fire | BIA |
| 2010 | Armenta | NPS |
| 2010 | Cinco | NPS |
| 2010 | Four Arm Cactus | NPS |
| 2010 | Fort Apache Fire | BIA |
| 2010 | Joes | NPS |
| 2010 | Nolic Fire | BIA |
| 2010 | Platt | BLM |
| 2010 | Ranch | BIA |
| 2010 | Signal | BIA |

Source: GAO analysis of Forest Service and Interior data.

Note: According to data provided by DOD, officials identified illegal border crossers as a suspected cause of 16 wildland fires on DOD-managed lands. However, this information was not obtained through a formal investigation and it was not documented in a fire incident report.

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Figure 5: Locations of Wildland Fires for Which Agency Fire Incident Reports Identified Illegal Border Crossers as a Suspected Ignition Source



Source: GAO analysis of Forest Service and Interior data; MapInfo (map).

Appendix IV: Comments from the U.S. Department of Agriculture



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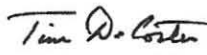
Dear Ms. Mittal:

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the draft U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) Report on "Arizona Border Region: Federal Agencies Could Better Utilize Law Enforcement Resources in Support of Wildland Fire Management Activities" (GAO-12-73). The Forest Service has reviewed the report and concurs with the report's observations and recommendations.

The agency does not have any major comments on the report or the recommendations, except to mention with regard to Recommendation 3 that the Southwest Coordinating Group has been working on a standard interagency border protocol (to include most if not all of the Coronado National Forest guidance). This protocol would guide firefighters and also apply to Department of the Interior agencies.

Thank you again for the opportunity to review your draft report. If you have any questions, please contact Donna M. Carmical, Chief Financial Officer, at 202-205-1321 or dcarmical@fs.fed.us.

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Appendix V: Comments from the Department of Homeland Security

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October 25, 2011

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Re: Draft Report GAO-12-73, "ARIZONA BORDER REGION: Federal Agencies Could Better Utilize Law Enforcement Resources in Support of Wildland Fire Management Activities"

Dear Ms. Mittal:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this draft report. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) appreciates the U.S. Government and Accountability Office's (GAO) work in planning and conducting its review and issuing this report.

The Department is pleased to note GAO's acknowledgment of the complex and diverse challenges that federal land management agencies in the Arizona border region face in carrying out their responsibilities, including those posed by illegal border crossers. We note the report does not contain any recommendations specifically directed at the DHS. The Department, particularly U.S. Customs and Border Protection, however, remains committed to continuing its work with interagency partners, such as the U.S. Departments of Agriculture and Interior, to identify and mitigate adverse impacts to wildland fire management activities.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on this draft report. We look forward to working with you on future Homeland Security issues.

Sincerely,

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